

# Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Mrs. HARRIET RYAN, aged 65 and decrepit, set fire to her night clothes at Wilton, N. Y., on the 11th, ran into a field and was burned to a crisp.

A DISPATCH from Trebizonde says serious conflicts took place there on the 8th, between Turks and Armenians in which many of the latter were killed.

Mrs. SARAH V. EMERY, the well-known lecturer and writer on woman suffrage, died at her home in Lansing, Mich., on the 10th, of cancer, after several months' painful illness.

THERE was a sale of American apples in London, on the 9th, at which 3,938 barrels were disposed of. Baldwins brought 18s; greenings, 11s to 12s, and Canadians from 15s to 16s.

REV. W. H. EVANS, supply at Christ's church in Warwick, N. Y., has received a letter from the board of the American Bible Society, dated between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per annum, and to the Irish title of Lord Corbury.

A DISPATCH from Berlin, on the 9th, said: Prof. Leyden has received a dispatch from the czarowitz is growing rapidly worse. His condition is reported to be alarming.

BRITISH and American consuls reported, on the 9th, that everything had been done to obtain an inquiry into the outrages upon the missionaries at Ku-Cheng short of using force.

The heart of Kosciuszko, the Polish patriot and general under Washington, will be transferred on the 15th, from Vesia to the Polish museum in the Chateau Rapperswil, near Zurich.

A PASSENGER train on the Grand Junction line ploughed into the Ontonabee river near Peterboro, Ont., on the 11th, through an open lock bridge. Several persons were badly injured but no fatalities were reported.

FAILURES throughout the United States for the week ended on the 11th, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 268, against 231 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 52, against 43 last year.

On the 9th the governor of Wisconsin appointed commissioners to confer with commissioners from Minnesota about carving a new state from territory now embodied in the two old states.

THE Antwerp Matin says that 6,000 men are being enlisted in the Congo state for a great expedition, which is to be headed by Baron Dhanis. The objective point and purpose of the expedition are kept secret.

GEN. WILLIAM MARION, ex-United States senator from Virginia, died in Washington, on the 8th, after a brief illness, from paralysis, aged 69. His remains were taken to Petersburg, Va., on the 9th, for interment.

THE tenth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of New York state opened on the 11th, at the academy of music on the 8th. It is estimated that 15,000 persons took an active part in the proceedings.

ED PARRIDGE, the Chicago board of trade plunger, has sold to H. H. Kohlman for \$775,000 the property at 112 to 116 State street, at the rate of \$13,100 a foot. Not long ago Mr. Partridge refused \$900,000 for this property.

A DISPATCH from Shanghai, on the 10th, said that Admiral Buller, commanding the British fleet, would return to Foo-Chow on board the dispatch boat Alacerty, the viceroy having assumed an attitude of defiance.

MAJ. ARMES was, on the 10th, discharged from custody by Judge Bradley, of the District of Columbia supreme court, who characterized the action of Gen. Schofield, under whose orders Armies was held, as "unwarranted, illegal, unjust and tyrannical."

THE American fishing tug Grace, which was seized by the Dominion cruiser Dolphin, in Lake Erie, in April, 1894, for illegal fishing, was condemned by the admiralty court at Toronto, was sold at public auction, on the 9th, for \$1,350 to satisfy the judgment against her.

A DISPATCH from Madrid, on the 10th, said the United States government had pointed out to the Spanish minister at Washington the necessity that Spain should take prompt action to crush the rebellion in Cuba. This statement created a sensation in political circles in Madrid.

JUDGE WOOD, of St. Louis, decided the Jones-Pulitzer-Post-Dispatch suit in favor of Col. Jones on the 10th, granting a temporary injunction. The suit was brought by Col. Jones to enjoin the board of directors of the Pulitzer Publishing Co. to oust Col. Jones from the managing editorship of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE officers of the Western Paper Co., Thimpany Pulp and Paper Co., Kaukauna Electric Light Co., Kaukauna Lumber Manufacturing Co. and Russell Bros. flouring mill, all of Kaukauna, Wis., have been arrested for drawing water from the canal at that place belonging to the United States. Prosecutions will follow.

OWEN JONES, a lunatic from New York state, called at the White House, on the 8th, to see the president. He presented a newspaper poem, the burden of which was that a boy was wanted by the executive family, and in all seriousness offered himself for adoption or employment in some capacity.

GEORGE BENTON, a Buck Creek (Ind.) farmer, started to walk to Lafayette, a distance of five miles, on the 8th. He had several dollars in his pocket, but wished to save the fare by walking. On the road he was met by two tramps, who took his money and clothing, leaving him standing nude by the wayside.

Mrs. HALLIDAY Booth, wife of Commodore Booth of the Salvation Army, left New York city, on the 10th, for six weeks' tour of the cities on the Pacific coast. Great preparations are being made to receive Mrs. Booth at San Francisco. She will address Salvation Army meetings in all of the cities on the Pacific coast.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE bodies of Wm. Jones, Wm. Cahill, Llewellyn Owens and Daniel Davis, who were entombed by the explosion at the Danvers colliery at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were recovered and brought to the surface on the 8th.

TWO PERSONS were fatally and two seriously injured by the fall of an elevator in Chicago on the 8th. The accident was caused by the breaking of the cable, the elevator falling 100 feet.

NEWS were received in Moscow, on the 8th, of the capsizing of a raft on the River Oka near Ozer, resulting in the drowning of 100 persons.

A GANG of five armed and masked men held up an electric car near the Berwin-avenue crossing of Evanston on the 8th, of the capsizing of a raft on the River Oka near Ozer, resulting in the drowning of 100 persons.

THE will of Harry Wright, the baseball manager, was admitted to probate in Philadelphia on the 10th. He left an estate valued at \$13,500.

SIX MEN were seriously injured by the explosion of a boiler in the Wharton Iron Co.'s mine in Hibema, N. J., on the 8th. The town was shaken as by an earthquake, and scarcely a window in any of the frame houses remained unbroken.

A BAND of robbers attempted to hold up the Grand Rapids & Indiana north-bound train near Kalamazoo, Mich., on the 7th, but the engineer opened the throttle and did not heed the signal to stop, dashing through a fusillade of bullets. The headlight was shot out and the cab rattled.

J. BOY FARMER, treasurer of the Adams Express Co., who absconded from Terre Haute, Ind., three weeks ago with a large sum of money, and who was arrested in Baltimore, Md., pleaded guilty before the United States commissioner at Indianapolis on the 8th, and was placed under \$5,000 bonds.

HARMA, a girl aged 108, died in Detroit, Mich., on the 8th. She was born in Schwedt, Poland, in 1792, and came to this country fourteen years ago. She had been a widow for forty-four years, and was remarkably active up to within three months, when she began to fail.

TO AVOID arrest and conviction for being the head of the "transfer gang" of thieves, whose peculations had recently been uncovered by the police of Kansas City, Mo., H. C. Litchfield, manager of the railroad transfer company in that city, committed suicide on the 8th.

EARTHQUAKE shocks, accompanied by subterranean noises, were felt at Laibach, thirty-five miles east of Trieste, at midnight, and repeated several times, with great violence, toward the morning of the 9th.

EIGHTEEN hours after her apparent death from paralysis, Mary Kunze, wife of a farmer living near Logansport, Ind., arose in her coffin, on the 9th, and asked for a drink of water. She is now rapidly recovering.

EARLY on the morning of the 9th thirty houses were destroyed by fire and many poor families were rendered homeless in the town of Bayard, Va.

Gov. CLOUGH of Minnesota issued a proclamation, on the 9th, forbidding the fight which had been announced to take place between Needham and Moore on the night of the 12th.

A COSTLY rear-end collision occurred on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad at Beaver Falls, Pa., on the 9th, due to an unusually dense fog. Fifteen freight cars and one engine were wrecked, causing a loss of \$50,000.

ANDREW J. STERLING, a swindler and confidence man, was arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 10th, for swindling girls by promising them positions in the Pasadena (Cal.) hotel, and requiring a deposit from them.

NEAR East Haven, Conn., on the 10th, Dominick Braun and Robert Cirillo, while out gunning attempted to crawl through a hedge, Braun's gun was discharged, seriously wounding him and killing Cirillo.

AT Snider station, 30 miles north of Tweed, Ont., the dwelling-house occupied by Thomas Lindsay and family was destroyed by fire, on the 10th, and six of the occupants were cremated.

PART of a large building used as a spinning mill in Hocholt, Westphalia, collapsed, on the 10th, burying twenty workmen in the ruins. Several dead bodies were taken out.

AS he was returning home, on the 10th, a farmer named Eruba was held up 2 miles from Cedar Rapids, Ia., and robbed of \$44 and a gold watch. The robbers climbed into the wagon before they were observed, and while one held the driver to the farm, the other went through a clothes.

THE Darling hotel, the largest hostelry in Lorain, O., was burned early on the morning of the 8th. Forty guests escaped in their nightclothes, losing all their effects. Nothing was saved from the burning building but a piano and one chest.

IT became known on the 10th that the Turkish government had finally presented to the envoys of the six powers a reply to their collective note on the subject of the recent disturbances in Constantinople. The reply, however, is not satisfactory to the ambassadors.

A DISPATCH from Coolgardie, South Australia, the center of the new gold fields, on the 10th, announced that a whole block of buildings there had been burned by a fire which was started through the upsetting of a lamp. It is estimated that the damage done will amount to \$1,350,000.

THE Holland radiator works at Bremen, Ind., were entirely consumed by an incendiary fire on the 11th. Loss, estimated at \$150,000, with practically no insurance.

SOME of the sapphires and rubies, which formed part of the jewelry belonging to Mrs. Langtry, which was obtained by means of a forged order from the Mexican Street branch of the Union bank of London, August 24 last, have been discovered in the possession of a firm of merchants in business in Hatton Garden, London, to whom they had been sold.

THE social congress at Breslau, by a vote of 158 to 60, approved a resolution offered by Herr Kautsky, which is tantamount to rejection by the congress of the proposed agrarian programme.

THE returns to the statistical division of the department of agriculture for the month of October make conditions show a decline of 5.7 points from the September condition of cotton, which was 70.8, against 65.1 for the present month.

On the 10th Mr. Tenago Schvoun, of Bender, Egypt, arrived in Cincinnati to study American and English jurisprudence at the Cincinnati law school. He is a graduate of the Alexandria law school, and is the first Egyptian to pursue his law studies in the United States.

SIGNOR MICHELE RAFFAYOLO, who has so often charmed the people with his beautiful solos on the euphonium, will play no more. He died of Bright's disease, on the 9th, at his home in Bayonne, N. J. Raffayolo had been one of the principal soloists of both Gilmore's and Sousa's bands.

Gov. CLOUGH of Minnesota has pardoned the Floyd boys, who were sentenced to the penitentiary several years ago for complicity in the robbery of the bank of Minneapolis by Paying Teller Schuyler.

It is reported that the earl of Elgin, viceroy of India, has resigned for personal reasons.

On the 11th ex-Chief of the United States Secret Service James J. Brooks died at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., after carrying a bullet in the sac of his heart for over sixteen years. He was 71 years of age.

ANTOINETTE HOFFMAN, the anarchist, who murdered Police Inspector Baumgarten on June 11 last, was put to death in Prague on the 11th. He refused all religious ministrations and uttered anarchist cries until the last.

THE navy department has designated Miss Gray, daughter of Senator Gray, of Delaware, to christen the new boat Wilmington, and Miss Guild, daughter of the mayor of Nashville, Tenn., to christen the Nashville.

EDWARD DREWITZ, a Brooklyn (N. Y.) dealer, died recently of Raynaud's disease, which is also called Marfan's disease, a malady which is rare in this country. The peculiar result of the disease is that the blood dries up and disappears. Science, it is said, has not been able to find anything to check the progress of the disease.

DISPATCHES have been received at Washington stating that a new line of railway to connect the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Nicaragua is contemplated in that country. The work will be placed in the hands of an American engineer of international prominence.

A WOMAN known as Gaetana Stomoli has been arrested at Catania, Sicily, for the wholesale poisoning of children with phosphorus. She administered the poison by mixing it with wine and prevailing upon the children to drink it. Her victims already number twenty-three. It is stated that they all died in fever ague.

FRANK CLEVELAND and Private Secretary Thurber left Buzzard's Bay, on the night of the 11th, on board Commodore E. C. Benedict's steam yacht Onida for Washington. With favorable weather the party was expected to reach their destination on the 14th. Mr. CHARLES HAY, vice-president and general manager of the Washington railway system, has tendered his resignation in order to become general manager of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, with headquarters in Montreal.

It is now stated upon good authority that the total number of killed, wounded and missing Armenians up to date, as a result of the recent riots in Constantinople, is over 700.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Temple opera house at Duluth, Minn., one of the finest theaters in the northwest, was burned as the result of an explosion in the basement early on the morning of the 13th. The roof fell in, and the Swedish Rite consistory, which were in the upper part of the theater building were destroyed, together with the valuable records and library. Loss on building, \$90,000; fully insured.

A DISPATCH from Rome, on the 13th, said: "It is stated that there is a strong probability that the pope will go against the proposed visit of King Carlos of Portugal to King Humbert, and the threat of his holiness to refuse to receive King Carlos should he come to Rome, will be effective to prevent the coming to this city of the Portuguese king."

THE funeral of William Wetmore Story, the distinguished American sculptor and author, who died on the 7th, took place, on the 13th, at the American church of St. Paul in Rome. The principal American residents of the city and a large number of visitors attended the service.

DURING the week beginning on the 13th the National Bankers' association, the National Laundrymen's association, the National Road parliament and the National Editorial association, will meet in Atlanta, Ga., as will also the proceedings of North and South Carolina and Texas.

N. JANSOGROSKY, the New York city chess expert, defeated M. M. Sterling, the champion of Mexico, on the 13th, in the first game of a chess match of five games at the Manhattan Chess Club in New York in a queen's pawn opening, after sixty-two moves.

ENIGMATIC stacks of hay were burned on the farm of S. B. Patterson, 10 miles south of Chillicothe, Mo., on the 12th. On the 18th the charred remains of a man were found in one of the stacks, burned beyond recognition. Circumstances pointed to murder.

THE United States revenue cutter Commodore Perry, which reached San Francisco, on the 18th, from Behring sea, brought intelligence that the celebrated Aleutian chain of volcanoes are again in active eruption.

THE Bronberg Tagblatt of the 13th reported that a number of Russian frontier guards had looted an inn at Plozanovo and murdered the hostess, her daughter and a servant.

WORK on the great Transiberian road, one of the most colossal undertakings of the century, is being pushed forward rapidly.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Hasting at the University of Missouri.

THE students of the University of Missouri who hanged young J. T. Tucker on September 30 received their punishment the other day. They were reprimanded by President Jesse.

Seven of the leaders were summoned to the president's office to listen to a scathing rebuke by Dr. Jesse. The boys used no force, but simply put up with the punishment as to the discipline committee stood for acquittal, one was in favor of expelling all the leaders, and the fourth was in favor of a light punishment. The punishment which was given was assessed merely that the world should know that the university authorities do not approve of hazing. It now appears that the Sigma Nu fraternity had nothing at all to do with it. The hazing was done by a bogus fraternity, which was made up of students from all departments.

Fired by a Steam Thresher.

While Chapman Bros. were threshing about 2 miles east of Adrian with a steam thresher, on the farm of Frank Enos, a spark from the engine set fire to the stacks. In a few minutes the stacks and straw were a mass of flames. The engine was attached to the separator and it was saved, but the grain was lost. The fire spread over the field, but with the aid of a plow and a tank of water it was finally extinguished.

Dr. Fraker's Case.

Judge Sandusky, of Clay county, attorney for the heirs of Dr. Fraker in the suit of the insurance companies to recover the claims paid for the supposed death of Fraker, has filed an appearance for his clients in the federal court at Kansas City. The answer to the insurance companies' suit will not be filed until the federal court opens on the first Monday in November.

Fire at the Penitentiary.

The building occupied by J. Strauss & Co., harness and saddlery manufacturers, at the penitentiary, Jefferson City, was destroyed by fire. State's loss on building, \$60,000; no insurance. J. Strauss & Co., \$90,000; insurance, \$55,000. An overheated shaft was the cause. Many convicts worked hard in assisting to subdue the flames.

To Avoid Punishment.

Fred Knodle, an election judge under indictment for frauds committed in the last fall's election, committed suicide with morphine at Kansas City. Knodle was soon to be tried for the crime, and it is presumed took his life to avoid the punishment that seemed inevitable.

Bad Fire at Crocker.

At Crocker, Pulaski county, the dwelling of J. A. Rayl was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$3,000; insurance small. The general store of Howard & Rayl, well stocked, was also destroyed. Loss, \$10,500; insurance, \$4,000. There were other small losses.

Wife Murder and Suicide.

Because his wife had brought suit for divorce George Napper, an ex-farmer, shot and killed her, and then took his own life.

Capt. E. M. Walt.

Capt. E. M. Walt, an old Mississippi river steamboatman, died very suddenly at his home in La Platte of paralysis, at the age of 62. He was a prominent member of the masonic and old fellows' fraternities.

Thief Captured by Women.

Mrs. Winzell and her daughter, Mrs. Alton, seized and held a pickpocket who endeavored to steal a pocketbook containing \$40 from the former while shopping in St. Louis the other day. He was arrested.

Requisition for Avery.

The necessary steps have been taken to secure a requisition for Alfred L. Avery, the defaulting cashier of Messrs. Gannett & Co., St. Louis, whose capture was effected in Laredo, Tex.

Death of Nonagenarians.

Miles Freeman, aged 93 years, died at his home in Moberly.

George H. Bagge, aged 89, died at his farm home near Middle Grove, Monroe county.

Taken from Jail and Lynched.

Will Henderson, a young negro, was taken from Jackson on the charge of attempting criminal assault on a school-girl. He was taken from jail, shot and then strung up.

Married a Minister.

Rev. James Preston Green, Presbyterian, Shelbyville, and Miss Sallie Bush, of Monroe City, were married at West Quincy. The young lady's parents objected.

Married Sixty Years.

Mr. E. H. Brinkmeyer, aged 85, and Mrs. Brinkmeyer, aged 84, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding, at State and Lami streets, St. Louis.

Accidentally Killed.

Edgar Tiedeman, aged 16, was carrying a shotgun at St. Joseph, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, shooting the boy in the head, killing him.

Alleged Murderer Captured.

Martin Schule, wanted in Cole county on the charge of murder committed more than a year ago, was arrested near Ardmore, I. T., a few days ago.

Shot His Father-in-Law.

James Frazer, shot and killed his father-in-law, John H. Settler, Station, Platte county, the other day as the result of domestic troubles.

Knob Lick Post Office Robbed.

The post office at Knob Lick was robbed of \$6 in stamps and \$300 in cash a few evenings since. The culprits left no clew to their identity.

After Six Days' Labor.

The body of Oscar Christman, who fell into a shaft near Joplin, was recovered after six days of incessant labors of volunteer rescuers.

Man Sues for Breach of Promise.

C. W. Clark has brought suit at Nevada against Mrs. Caroline Simmons for breach of promise. The defendant is quite wealthy.

To Make Hominy at St. Joseph.

It is said that the Hudnuts, of Terre Haute, Ind., manufacturers of table food from corn, will erect a large hominy mill at St. Joseph.

A Hermit Murdered.

J. Saint, a hermit, whose home was in Henry county, not far from Clinton, was found dead in bed, having been murdered.

### CIRCUIT JUDGE DUFFIE

Of Garland County, Arkansas, Tells the Sheriff It Is His Duty To Prevent The Proposed Fight Between Corbett and Fitzsimmons Within His Jurisdiction—The People of Hot Springs Seem To Take It as a Mere Matter of Form.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 12.—Circuit Judge A. M. Duffie called the sheriff before him and informed him that it was the sheriff's duty to take proper measures to prevent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest from taking place in Garland county, and advised him of his powers in the premises. When the sheriff asked when and just how he should proceed to do this the judge failed to instruct him, saying he would advise with the prosecuting attorney and advise later.

This talk of Judge Duffie seems to have had no perceptible effect on the people most interested and no importance is attached to it. There is so little, indeed, that the local correspondent, who understands the true inwardness of things here, did not deem it of sufficient importance to exploit it in the metropolitan press, as it would have a tendency to create unnecessary alarm among people who do not appreciate the local conditions. There is no apprehension locally that anything radical will be done, and the sentiment of the people of the commonwealth at large does not seem to be antagonistic to glove contests. In 1891 pugilism under the state law was a felony. In 1893 the legislature, at the expressed wish of the constituents of the legislators, by an almost unanimous vote, passed a bill making pugilistic contests a misdemeanor, with a penalty for infraction of the law a fine of not less than \$1,000 and more than \$3,500. The local officers can be depended upon to do their duty. If the law is broken those who break it will suffer the penalty prescribed. It is argued that arrests can be made before an offense against the law is committed, and the sheriff and his deputies will be present to look after the law.

### SUDDEN DEATH

Of Judge Cyrus L. Cook, Recently Nominated for Congress.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Judge Cyrus L. Cook, the republican candidate for congress in the Eighteenth Illinois district, who was nominated last week to succeed the late Congressman Remann, died suddenly at the Great Northern hotel in this city at 9 a. m. The cause of death was probably heart disease. Judge Cook was in the city to attend the meeting of the state republican committee. His death will necessitate a special convention to nominate another candidate in the Eighteenth district.

### A RANK FRAUD.

The "Wonder Stone Co." Denied the Use of the Mails.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—All over the country credulous people have recently been victimized by an advertisement of some wonderful stone, which was to do the work of soap, razor and barber. This fraud has been very well advertised, and has also been very fully exposed. The innocent one was to send twenty-five cents to the "Wonder Stone Co." of New York and receive in return a wonderful geological specimen, which was to remove hair from the face without lather and as clean as a razor. Most applicants received a little piece of buff-colored brick, through the mails, while many received nothing at all and lost their quarters wholly. Acting Postmaster General Jones has issued a fraud order against the use of the mails by "Wonder Stone Co.," and it is hoped that an end will be put to its nefarious practices.

### THE HOLMES MURDER CASE.

New and Damaging Evidence Against the Accused.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12.—Interest in the Holmes case was revived here yesterday by the reappearance of Detective Geyer, of Philadelphia. He turned up unexpectedly in Irvington yesterday forenoon. Going to the house where Howard Pictzel was murdered and his body burned, Geyer fitted a key from his pocket in the front door night-latch. It worked perfectly. The key had been found in the possession of Holmes after his arrest in Philadelphia. Dr. Thompson, who lived in the house before Holmes occupied it, recognized the key as the one he had himself carried for two years.

The detectives regard yesterday's discovery as final in identifying Holmes as the man who moved into the house with Howard Pictzel.

### BURNED TO DEATH.

A Demented Woman Sets Fire to Her Clothing with Fatal Effect.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Mrs. Harriet Ryan, aged 65 years, and residing with her nephew, Henry J. Fuller, near King's station, in the town of Wilton, about 5 miles from this village, was burned to death Thursday night. The woman, who had been demented for some time, secured some matches and set fire to her night clothing. She then ran out into the field, where she was found shortly afterward burned almost to a crisp.

### A SPANISH DIPLOMAT

Expresses Himself on the Prospects of Cuban Independence.

VIENNA, Oct. 12.—The Tagblatt prints an interview with the Spanish ambassador here in which that gentleman is represented as saying that the complete subjection of the Cuban rebels is certain. If Cuba should achieve independence, he adds, the government of the United States would not wish to annex the island for fear of increasing the number of her negro citizens, of which the island is exceedingly prolific.

### THEY MAKE TROUBLE.

Overzealous Missionaries Bait Ransom and Expert Uncle Sam to Protect Them—The State Department Held to Be Given No End of Trouble From Such Causes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The state department is still having no end of trouble as a result of the inconsistent acts of zealous American missionaries in foreign countries. On the last week Minister Ransom, by very careful work, averted a serious clash between American Protestant missionaries and resident Roman Catholic Mexicans. As is generally known, Mexico is a large field for Protestant missionaries, who are sent to the churches to convert the Mexicans from Roman Catholic to Protestant ideas of Christianity. The American missionaries in Mexico had raised objection to the annual religious ceremony prominent in the Mexican church, known as the "Coronation of the Virgin of Guadalupe." Missionaries had gone to such extreme ends in seeking to prevent this ceremony that Mexicans had become very much aroused and missionaries had received threatening letters from local enemies. Had it not been for Minister Ransom's prompt action, it is very likely that we would have had another troublesome question to settle with this neighboring republic, and another difficulty added to the Chinese and Armenian missionary troubles which constantly harass this government.

While the government, of course, has no desire to take sides in any religious controversy between various sects, it much less wishes to become involved in diplomatic warfare brought about by the zeal of American evangelists. Already these international difficulties are very costly, even if peaceful, and no small expense in the way of money is borne by this government annually in the propagation of Christianity.

A state department official, speaking of the matter to-day, said: "No one has any right